

In general, I support the ARRL's petition. I believe the interests of the community would be advanced by this proposal.

I would suggest that the Element 1 Morse Code requirement be eliminated entirely. CW is a mode; it deserves no more examination than any other mode.

And I would also be strongly in favor of consolidating to two license classes, conforming to practice in much of the world. Licensing is not intended to protect parts of the spectrum for small groups of operators, but to enhance the value of the service to the public, and to advance the art. Both of these can be met under a two-class system, with considerably reduced administrative effort.

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